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1. In April 1951 the Kwangsi Military District started to transfer company grade officers and men from Field Army units to provincial troop units and local militia to strengthen the armed forces for local security against a recrudescence of guerrilla activity. Incomplete figures up to 5 July show that 170 officers and 4,800 men had been transferred, including about one regiment from the 49 Army and 500 each from the 43, 52 and 53 Armies. The vacancies in the Field Army units were filled by replacements from the provincial troops.<sup>1</sup>
2. The 13 Army Group recently moved to Canton from Nanning<sup>2</sup> and has its headquarters at Yentang Military Academy, Shaho (113-19, 23-09). Its commander, CH'EN Men-yuan (陳漫遠),<sup>3</sup> arrived on 27 June. The Canton-Kowloon railroad and the Pearl River Delta area were garrisoned by the 44 Army and the Kwangtung-Kwangsi Column. The 138, 139 and 140 Divisions of the 46 Army<sup>4</sup> under LI Tien-tao (李天佐)<sup>5</sup> were guarding from Canton to Ch'uchiang and on the Sanshui (112-54, 23-08) section of the railroad. Its headquarters was at Yentang Military Academy. Part of the 47 Army under LIAO Chih-ming (廖志明) had arrived in Kwangtung. The remainder were moving southward from Hunan by rail.
3. Headquarters of the 45 Army was still at Kueih sien (貴縣), with the 135 Division guarding the Kueih sien-Pinyang (108-44, 23-18) highway. This unit was under strength and garrisoned south Kwangsi in name only. Reinforcements were being sent from the military district command.
4. Conflicts were reported between troops of the 2 Field Army around Chenpien (105-50, 23-34) and Chinghsi (106-25, 23-09) and troops of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) along the Indochina border. In mid-June armed conflicts arose between units of the 15 Army Group and DRV troops near Chenpien.<sup>6</sup>
5. The entire 42 Army was in the Huiyang (114-26, 23-05)-Haifeng (115-20, 22-58) area with the headquarters at Huiyang. It comprised three divisions of 5-6,000 troops each with headquarters at P'ingshan (114-44, 22-59), Pingt'an (平潭) and Haifeng.

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- 25X1 6. The 43 Army, with headquarters at P'uning (116-13, 23-27) has three divisions including the 127 Division operating in areas north and west of Swatow.
7. The entire 45 Army was stationed in the south Kiangsi area,<sup>7</sup> with headquarters at Kanhsien (114-54, 25-52). Its commander was HO Chin-nien (何晉年),<sup>8</sup> and its commissar was YANG Shang-kuei (楊尚奎). It has three divisions with headquarters at Lungnan (114-34, 24-44), Ningtu (115-50, 26-22) and Ch'ungi (114-28, 25-48). The majority of the troops were natives of Manchuria. Junior and senior officials were veteran Communist army men from Kiangsi.
1. [ ] Comment. This would appear to indicate a double purpose: To strengthen the provincial forces with trained men and possibly better equipment, and to train provincial troops as regular army forces.
2. [ ] Comment. According to information available to this office, as of 6 June the 13 Army Group comprised the 42 Army. According to later information, this army had been transferred to the Canton area from Korea; see paragraph 5.
3. [ ] Comment. According to available information, as of 6 June CH'EN Man-yuan commanded the 14 Army Group which was in Nanning.
4. [ ] Comment. According to available information, as of 6 June the 139 and 140 Divisions were subordinate to the 47 Army; the 46 Army comprised the 136-8 Divisions.
5. [ ] Comment. According to available information, as of 6 June CHAN Ts'ai-fang was commander of the 46 Army.
6. [ ] Comment. It is not known whether this information is confirmation or duplication of [ ].
7. [ ] Comment. Designation of 45 Army is probably incorrect, since the 45 Army has been consistently reported in Kwangsi (see paragraph 3). This information is being checked.
8. Washington Comment. According to available information, as of 6 June TUAN Shu-ch'uan was commander of the 45 Army.

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